

Kentucky National Guard Youth Programs Annual Report



Photo taken in October at the
QDMA Youth Hunt

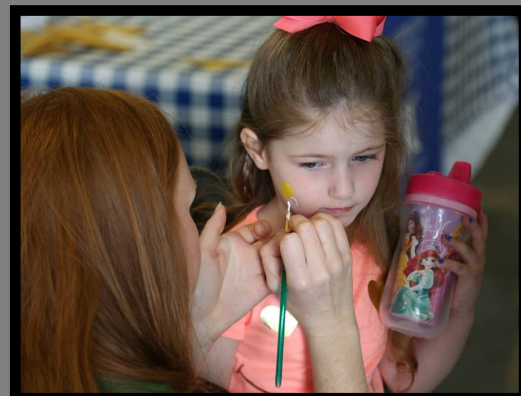


Photo taken in April at the Military
Child Appreciation Day

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Photo taken in December at the Home
Builders Care toy drive

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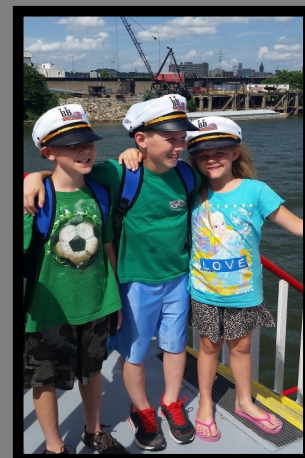


Photo taken in June at the Survivor
Outreach event on the Ohio River

Mission Statement

To provide resources and programming to our dispersed population of military youth. Our programs are designed to build resiliency during peacetime and also through the deployment cycle.

Goals

- *Continue to coordinate resiliency building events throughout the state that will support military youth
- *Work with college universities to recruit student volunteers
- *Continue to reach out to organizations within the community to market opportunities to support our military families
- *Continue to serve as a resource referral for all military families
- *Continue to support all Yellow Ribbon events with structured child and youth activities
- *Market Youth Programs so that we can get maximum participation from every unit

Volunteers

Over 275 adults and teens volunteered to support over 29 events that were held throughout the state. Approximately 10,250+ hours served. They served as mentors, platoon leaders at camps, camp counselors, and adult supervision.

Youth, Teens, and Adults Served

FY15 CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM TOTALS REPORTED:

Adult Participants:													Volunteer Information:			
482	Army NG	33	Army Active		AF Active	9	Navy Active		Marine Active		CG Active	2139	Other	273	# Volunteers in execution of event	
359	Air NG	13	Army Reserve		AF Reserve		Navy Reserve		Marine Reserve		CG Reserve	3035		10,251		# Volunteer hours execution of event
Youth Ages 6-12:														10,251	Total Vol. Hrs.	
849	Army NG	98	Army Active		AF Active		Navy Active		Marine Active		CG Active	145	Other	Community Partners:		Programming Hours: 359+
918	Air NG		Army Reserve		AF Reserve	5	Navy Reserve		Marine Reserve		CG Reserve	2015		QDMA, OMK, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, YMCA, 4-H, Athena Sisters , Home Builders Care, Operation Homefront, VFW		
Youth Ages 13-18:														Resource and Referrals:		
471	Army NG	47	Army Active	15	AF Active		Navy Active		Marine Active		CG Active	50	Other	32		
430	Air NG		Army Reserve		AF Reserve	5	Navy Reserve		Marine Reserve		CG Reserve	1018				

2015 Child and Youth Programs Highlights

- 4 Yellow Ribbon events 37 youth attended
- 197 youth attended Kentucky National Guard Youth Camp
- 393 youth were supported through Operation Military Cheer
- 3 Department of Defense Deployment Support Camps 77 Youth
- 8 Military-Extension Adventure Camps 182 youth attended
- 47 youth attended the Quality Deer Management Association Youth Deer Hunt
 - 75 OMK Reintegration Family Backpacks distributed
- 6 Month of the Military Child events that reached approximately 540 youth
 - 2 Survivor Outreach events that reached 400 Youth 1450 Adults
 - 13 youth attended 7 Habits for Highly Effective Teens Workshop
 - 330 youth attended Keeneland Military Appreciation Day
 - 296 youth attended the Air Guard Family Day
- Partnered with Operation Military Kids (OMK) for 1 Ready, Set, Go Training
 - 225 backpacks distributed through Operation Homefront
 - Supported 4-H Shooting Sports State Competition
- Jennifer Hatfield received the NGB 2015 Youth Development Volunteer Award



Photo taken in October at the QDMA Youth Hunt



Photo taken in March at the 7 Habits for Highly Effective Teens. Photo with Dallas Robinson, USA Olympian



Photo taken in December at the Home Builders Care Toy Drive

Testimonial

"The Kentucky National Guard Youth Camp is an amazing camp. I've been here for four years and each year I am excited to be back. This camp is an amazing way to build confidence, make friends, and learn responsibility."

Joscie Pruitt, Daughter of SGT Pruitt, 203rd FSC

"My son said he was sad to leave camp this year. He came home hoarse and lots of stinky clothes. He apparently had torn a pair of his shoes which tells me camp was AWESOME! We are so lucky to have such wonderful people at camp to take care of our kids. We are so blessed to have The Kentucky National Guard Child and Youth Programs. Thanks to ALL OF YOU for another great year of camp."

Cheryl Leppo Routon, Spouse of SSG Routon, HHC 103rd BSB

Best Practices

Month of the Military Child Events

There were 6 events hosted across the state. These events were to show youth from all branches of the military and First Responders that we are aware of their sacrifices that they make for their loved ones serving in the military and as First Responders. These events are tailored to provide a fun filled day with lots of fun activities and food that was free for all families.

We reached over 550 youth and 250 adults with these combined events.



Photo taken in April at the Kudos for Kids event at Wendell H. Ford



Photo taken in April at the Military Child Appreciation Day in Lawrenceburg



Photo taken in April at the Children of Military Veterans and First Responders Appreciation Day event in Jeffersontown

Kentucky National Guard Youth Camp

Our 13th Annual Kentucky National Guard Youth Camp had 197 military youth in attendance.

Youth from across the commonwealth enjoyed a fun and educational week at the 4-H Lake Cumberland camp site. The camp offered the youth a variety of unique experiences that build self confidence, leadership skills, and resiliency. The Kentucky National Guard partnered with 4-H and The Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Department of Fish and Wildlife offered every camper the opportunity to earn their Hunter's Safety Certificate free of charge. Also, Operation Homefront arrived at camp on the last day to give each camper a backpack filled with school supplies.



Photo taken in July at The Kentucky National Guard Youth Camp



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Kentucky Partnerships



Kentucky National Guard Youth Programs works close with 4-H and County Extension Agents. They support our Yellow Ribbon events by providing child and youth activities that are focused around deployment and reintegration. 4-H continues to allow us to host our Kentucky National Guard Youth Camp at their camp site at Lake Cumberland.



Military Child Education Coalition
...for the sake of the child.

Military Child Education Coalition hosted at training for military youth with exceptional needs at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Their target audience is educators, social workers, community professionals, and military parents who are interested in learning more about children with exceptional needs. We will continue to work together to provide trainings that increase awareness for military children. They also serve as a resource for Military families.



Zero to Three is one of our resources that we give to families that have younger children. Their goal is to educate adults so that they understand that being part of a military family affects everyone in the



Operation Homefront supports us throughout the year by providing us with school supplies and Christmas toys from Dollar Tree and Deals across the state. We use these items for Hero Packs and Holiday packages for military families. They coordinated Back to School Brigade school supply and backpack giveaway for our National Guard families where we handed out 225 backpacks.



The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary have supported us by letting us use their grounds for our Month of the Military Child Event that we held in Lawrenceburg. They also get the community involved by asking for support by donating food, drinks, and other items to make the event a success. They are also there throughout the year to support our military families that need financial assistance.



Home Builders Care is a non-profit organization that supports Operation Military Cheer by hosting a toy drive. They also support military families through out the year by providing home improvement projects.



The VFW is a resource that supports our military families by providing financial assistance when needed. They also support our Yellow Ribbon events by providing food and drinks for attendees.



The local YMCA provide structured programming support during our Yellow Ribbon events such as hands on crafts that focus on deployment and reintegration. The kids love this as this prepares them for an upcoming deployment and reintegration.

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Kentucky National Guard Family Programs

<http://kentuckyguard.com/family-programs/child-youth-services/>



Links to 2014-2015 Youth Camp, Military Day at the Races,
QDMA Youth Hunt, and SOS Riverboat Ride videos

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?
list=PLGYCLGUcUeT72NrL3Dh8b1dFOFa5ReN4W](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGYCLGUcUeT72NrL3Dh8b1dFOFa5ReN4W)



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